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ANALYSIS OF MY SITUATION.

1. I have repeated in many letters sent to you that the mishaps occurred on the way of our immigration to the States have changed nothing and will not change anything in my mind what concerns the work we have spoken of many times since 13 February 1951.
2. I have been working upon this matter since then, preparing myself for this work.
3. Since 5 September when I learned that you have obtained the authority to work together with me, and when I signed the contract with you, I have been working on this problem all the time.
4. I did not accept the extension of my employment contract with the IRO in Wentorf, which I was offered, because I felt myself bound by your contract.
5. It was not my fault that the one or two weeks which I asked and was allowed for a trip to Wentorf in September for meeting my sister and to see off my family going to the States, as was predicted by the INS, drew out so long. I reported the real situation to you on September 14 and 20 and on October 5, and asked for instructions.
6. I came back to Munich on 15 October as was ordered by you. I understood that the real work had to be started then and I did not want to harm the enterprise, although you had not answered the points 13 and 15 of my letter of 5 October. I was startled when I was left idle in my hotel, occupied by some attempts of immigration only, the futility of which I knew ahead. I could not understand this delay. I thought, perhaps there was some delay in arrival of the students.
7. Up to the last time I was told repeatedly that in case that our immigration through the channels of the IRO or on basis of the regular Estonian quota (or Sect. 3(c) of the DP Act) will be definitely impossible, there still remains a third, slow but absolutely sure way for our immigration.
8. It was during our last meeting on 26 October that you told me that you are not "quite sure" whether we could immigrate by this "third way". I was surprised by this change of situation. It was therefore only that I could not repeat to you then my readiness for going on working with you.
9. I had some suspicions that you are sick of all the troubles you have had with my immigration affair and that you would like finish the affair with me. This my impression was deepened by:
 - your understanding that I am still not yet working with you, as I learned from your expressions on 26 October, and by
 - the fact that you have taken no position to my writing entitled "Base of Work", which I overgave to you on 15 October, and which I had written as a complement and a written affirmation of the verbal explanations I made when signing the contract on 5 Sept.
10. I had some doubts whether it is right for me to get mixed as your co-operator into such an affair of grave responsibility which demands solution of many really complicate problems, when the solution of the relatively simply problem of my immigration makes to you such big difficulties and takes so much of your valuable time.

/P.T.O./

Having once re thought over all the talk we have had and the letters we have changed, I find that:

1. Neither you nor I have given notice foreseen in our contract of 5 Sept., and this contract, therefore, is still working.
2. You told me on 26 October that you (I understand: not you personally only, but the Service you are representing) appreciate working with me, that there is no talk of a short employment but of a long-range work, and that there will be no difficulties with the real work, although the immigration affair makes trouble.
3. Since this is so, then I understand that you do agree, in general, with the ideas and conditions presented in my abovementioned writing "Base of Work", and that you do trust me duly.
4. The solution of our immigration problem remains on ~~of~~ the first presumptions of my co-operation with you. But the present troubles with this problem do not hinder me starting active work, because:
 - a) I still believe that the INS, if not earlier then on its highest level, will satisfy my appeal;
 - b) I still believe that the "third way", the sure one, can be used for us too; I hope that your last expression over this way was a modest caution of you only after so many unfulfilled hopes;
 - c) I have your promise that in case of a special danger my family will be treated like the families of the American officers; as a "safety valve" I shall warm up my application for immigration into Canada and Sweden. It will take months until I can have an answer. This answer, most probably, will be negative, because neither Canada nor Sweden will be especially keen to let immigrate a person who has been branded by an American authority as a "war criminal" inadmissible on reasons which may not be revealed!

Basing on these findings I repeat hereby once more my willingness to go on working with you and to start a full speed active work as soon as you deem necessary, if you will assure that this my analysis is right and correct.

I find that the sooner I can bring my family to the States and return from there and go on working with full cheer and confidence, instead of trying to work crooked under heavy psychic torments and worries, the better will be the results of this work. If we must be ready with the teaching work in April or May, then we have no time to lose for futile waiting now.

My sense of responsibility for the intended work and for my family, and my soldier's pride do not allow me to remain in this queer situation any longer. Therefore I ask you very much for a prompt clearance.

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